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OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY,

On Wednesday May 13, Thursday May 14, Friday May 15, Saturday May 16, and Monday May 18,

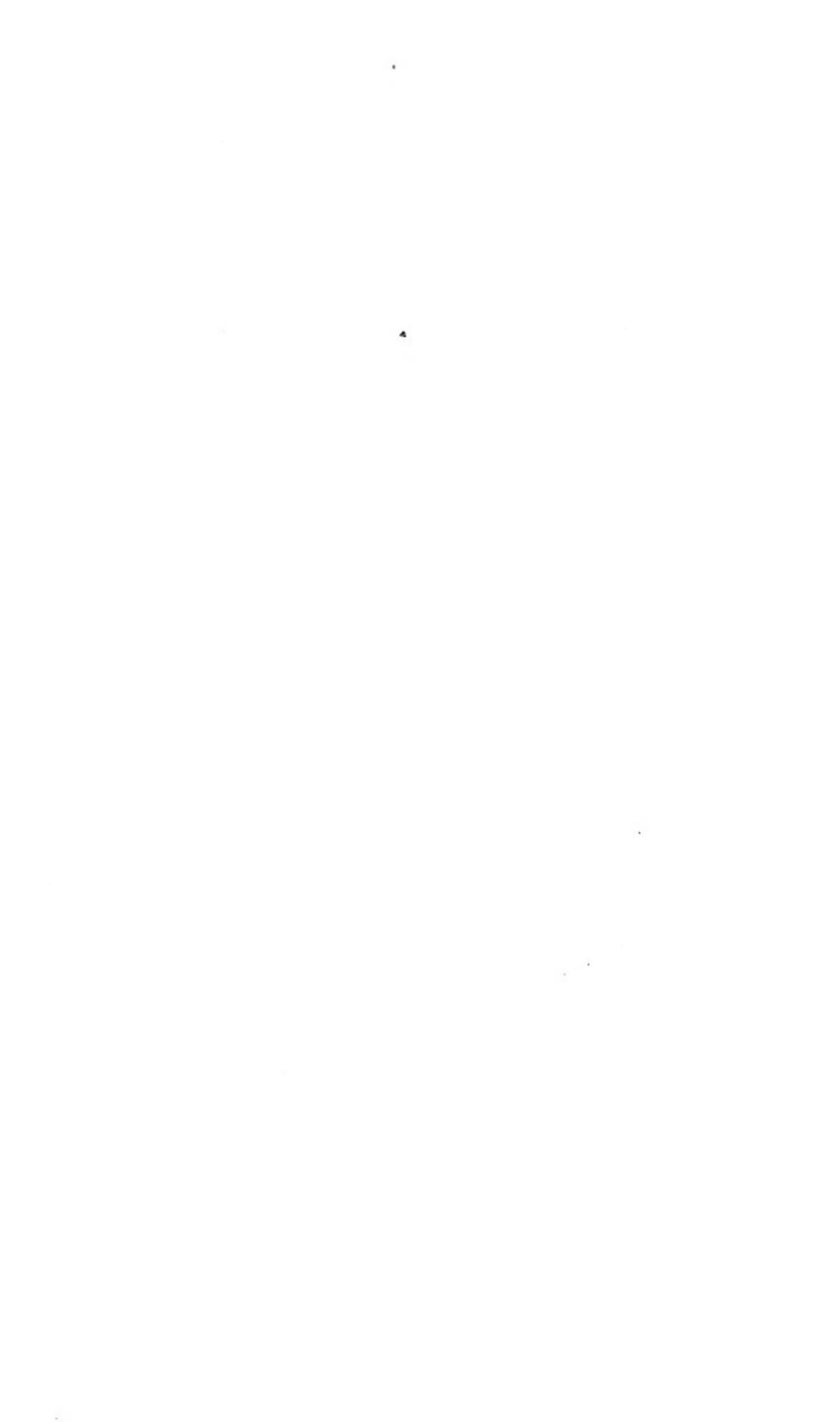
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LIST OF CLERGY,

In the Diocese of North Carolina, entitled to seats in the Convention.

Right Rev. LEVI SILLIMAN IVES, D. D., Bishop, and ex-officio President
of the Convention.

Rev. JOHN A. BACKHOUSE, Deacon.

Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

Rev. JOSEPH B. CHESHIRE, Deacon, Missionary in Halifax and Bertie.

*Rev. Moses A. CURTIS, Missionary, Beaufort County.

REV. THOMAS F. DAVIS, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,
Christ Church, and St. Andrew's, Rowan.

*Rev. ROBERT B. DRANE, Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.

Rev. EDWARD N. FORBES, Missionary, Washington County.

Rev. GEORGE W. FREEMAN, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.

*Rev. ERWIN GEEB; Deacon.

*Rev. Wm. M. Green, Professor, Chapel Hill.

*Rev. Wm. N. HAWKS, residing in Newbern, Teacher of the Griffin School.

*Rev. SAMUEL J. JOHNSTON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

Rev. CAMERON F. MCRAE, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.

Rev. T. S. W. MOTT, Rector of St. John's in the Wilderness, Henderson County.

Rev. HENRY H. PROUT, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.

Rev. JOHN SINGELTARY, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.

*Rev. HARVEY STANLY, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.

*Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Rector of St. James's Church, Granville.

*Rev. Wm. Thurston, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro'.

*Rev. P. B. WILEY, residing in Pittsborough.

* Absent from the Convention of 1840.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES ELECTED TO THIS CONVENTION.

Hon. Duncan Cameron,
Hon. J. H. Bryan,
Dr. John Beckwith,
J. A. Backhouse,
George W. Burgwin,
Joseph H. Norwood,
J. Odenthal,
J. M. Palmer,

<i>Dr. W. G. Jones,</i>	Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
<i>E. S. Hubbard,</i>	
<i>Thos. S. Ashe,</i>	St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
<i>Wm. E. Troy,</i>	
<i>H. Henderson,</i>	Christ Church, Rowan.
<i>J. B. Lord,</i>	
<i>Chas. A. Beard,</i>	St. John's Church, Fayetteville,
<i>Wm. Chambers,</i>	
<i>J. E. Dobbins,</i>	St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County.
<i>Wm. Chunin,</i>	
<i>Thos. Barber,</i>	St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.
<i>Jos. Alexander,</i>	
<i>J. W. Wright,</i>	Christ Church, Newbern.
<i>C. T. Haigh,</i>	
<i>J. W. Huske,</i>	Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
<i>E. W. Willkings,</i>	
<i>Joseph Owens,</i>	Dr. Robinson Piemont,
<i>Wm. Heathman,</i>	
<i>Samuel Turner,</i>	
<i>John Watson.</i>	
<i>Hon. John R. Donnell,</i>	
<i>J. M. Roberts,</i>	
<i>Samuel Oliver,</i>	
<i>Jacob Gooding,</i>	
<i>Wm. H. Hardin,</i>	
<i>J. H. Haughton,</i>	
<i>S. Jackson,</i>	
<i>H. A. London,</i>	
<i>Charles R. Kinney,</i>	
<i>Gilbert Elliott,</i>	
<i>John McMornie,</i>	
<i>Dr. Robinson Piemont,</i>	

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SALISBURY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1840.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the 24th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the Rt. Rev. Bishop and attending Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled in St. Luke's Church.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Singeltary.

The names of Clergy entitled to seats were called, and the following were found to be present, viz:

Rev. J. B. BUXTON,

Rev. T. F. DAVIS,

Rev. G. W. FREEMAN,

Rev. EDWARD N. FORBES,

Rev. H. H. PROUT,

Rev. J. SINGELTARY,

Rev. J. B. CHESHIRE.

The Certificates of Lay Delegation having been read, the following persons appeared to be elected, viz:

Christ Church, Raleigh.—The Hon. D. Cameron, Hon. J. H. Bryan, Doctor J. Beckwith, J. A. Backhouse.

St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.—George W. Burgwin, Joseph H. Norwood, J. Odenhall, J. M. Palmer.

Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—Dr. W. G. Jones, Wm. E. Hubbard, Thomas S. Ashe, Wm. E. Troy.

St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.—H. Henderson, John B. Lord, Ch. A. Beard, Wm. Chambers.

Christ Church, Rowan.—J. E. Dobbins, Wm. Chunn, Thos. Barber, Joseph Alexander.

St. John's Church, Fayetteville.—J. W. Wright, Charles T. Haigh, John W. Huske, and Edward W. Willkings.

Of these the following appeared and took their seats, viz:—

J. A. Backhouse, W. E. Troy, J. B. Lord, C. A. Beard, Wm. Chambers, Jos. E. Dobbins, W. Chunn and Thos. Barber.

The President declared the Convention duly organized, and ready for the transaction of business.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for a Secretary for the ensuing Conventional year, and the Rev. J. Singeltary was declared to be duly elected.

The Rev. Mr. Davis presented the following application and certificate:

We, the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County, hereby certify, that the conditions of the 7th Canon of the Church in this Diocese, passed May 1821, have been complied with, and that Jos. Owens, Wm. Heathman, Sam'l Turner and Jno. Watson, have been duly elected Delegates from said Church to the Convention in Salisbury, to be held on the 13th May, 1840.

PHILLIP RICE,
JACOB CORRELL,
SAM'L TURNER,
JOS. TURNER,
JNO. WATSON,

} *Vestry.*

May 9, 1840.

On motion, the congregation of St. Andrew's was received into union with this Convention, and the Delegates above named appeared and took their seats.

Convention adjourned to Thursday morning, 9 o'clock.

At evening service, Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. McRae, and Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Doctor Freeman,—text, 2 Cor., vi. ch. 1st and 2d verses.



THURSDAY, 14TH.

Prayer read by the Bishop.

The Rev. C. F. McRae appeared and took his seat.

J. Odenhall and J. M. Palmer appeared and took their seats.

A certificate of the election of Lay Delegates of Christ Church, Newbern, was presented, containing the names of the following persons, viz: Hon. J. R. Donnell, J. M. Roberts, Sam'l Oliver and Jacob Gooding.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:—

On the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. Davis, McRae, Prout, and Forbes.

On Finance.—Rev. Dr. Freeman and Rev. Mr. Buxton, of the Clergy; Messrs. Troy, Chambers and Chunn, of the Laity.

Rules of Order heretofore in force were adopted for the regulation of the proceedings of this Convention.

The Bishop read his Annual Address, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THIS CONVENTION:

Since we last met, God, in his wise providence, has bereaved our sister Diocese of South Carolina, of her good and venerated Bishop, and the Church generally of a wise and exemplary Father in the Episcopacy,—a Father, whose excellent spirit and prudent counsel had long been felt as a blessing in our Zion, and which, to

our short-sightedness, seemed especially needful at the present time. 'For these things we mourn;' but, in the midst of our sorrows, desire not to be unmindful of our obligations to God for his good providence, manifested in the election to the vacant Bishoprick, of so worthy a brother as the Rev. DR. GADSDEN, whose consecration to that high trust is expected soon to take place.

Another event, it becomes me here to notice,—and I do it with deep grief,—the death of the Rev. JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS, Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola. This beloved and lamented Presbyter, although at the time of his death not a member of our Diocese, was one of us by birth, education and affection. We mourn his loss as one of our holiest and most honored sons. Blest with talents of the first order, and with attainments seldom surpassed by one of his age, he had given himself to the Ministry of Jesus, in a spirit of self sacrifice, worthy of all imitation. At different times and with various degrees of success, he had been a teacher of youth; but his peculiar sphere lay in his office as a Parish Priest. Here he was emphatically *at home*; always 'a bright and shining light.' I knew him well; and often had reason to thank God, for his aid in counsel, and his encouragement and co-operation under the trials of my Episcopate. I have yearly passed over the field of his early Missionary labours; but never have done so without being struck with admiration at the many bright and substantial proofs of his eminent devotedness and ability in the cause of his divine Master. I have marked the expressions of heartfelt grief from his bereaved and suffering congregation, and seldom have observed such strong and unanimous testimony to ministerial faithfulness unto death. In his early removal to a better state, the American Church has lost one of her purest hearts, her soundest judgments, and most vigorous minds. The infant Church in Florida, her best counsellor, and her most active and efficient guide; and we, beloved, a dear friend and brother. Let us emulate his example; follow him in his prayers and fastings and self-denying labours; that we may be prepared for the death he died; and the life he now lives with Christ!

The following is a statement of my Episcopal acts and of the affairs of the Diocese during the last Conventional year:

On the 25th and 26th of May, I officiated in Christ Church, Raleigh, confirmed *five* persons, and ordained the Rev. Moses A. Curtis to the holy order of Priests.

9th June, performed service and preached *twice* in Louisburg.

23d, performed service and preached *three* times in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough. The state of my health prevented the usual examination in the Catechism.

29th and 30th, officiated in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, preached *three* times, and instituted the Rev. Henry H. Prout unto the Rectorship of the same: The Professor Green assisting in the services.

3d July, baptised an adult, and preached at Lexington, after prayers by the Rev. Mr. Davis.

4th and the 3 days following, officiated in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, preached *five* times, examined the children in the Catechism, confirmed *four* persons, and administered the holy Communion.

10th. After prayers by the Rev. Mr. Davis, preached and administered the holy Communion at the house of the venerable Mr. Mills, in Iredell county. From this place we were recalled to Salisbury by the sudden and lamented death of an interesting young lady of that Parish. At the burial I delivered a short address, and at night preached in St. Luke's Church in reference to the melancholy event;—the effects of which event, I pray God, may be as salutary and lasting as the sympathy it excited was deep and pervading!

12th, 13th and 14th, passed in the Parish of Christ Church, Rowan, preached three times, examined the children in the Catechism, confirmed *nine* persons, and administered the holy Communion. I notice with pleasure the manifest and distinguishing zeal of the parents of this congregation in training their children in the Catechism. The morning appointed for the examination was stormy, and the children were scattered over a parish some miles in extent; still the attendance was good, and what is better, the answers to the questions gave convincing proof, that their zeal in coming together was kindled by a sense of their spiritual advantages. Seldom have I witnessed a more gratifying examination.

16th, visited Charlotte, performed service, preached by kind invitation in the Methodist Chapel, and examined the children, belonging chiefly to one family, privately in the Catechism. In this examination, a striking illustration was furnished of how much may be done by christian mothers for the salvation of their children, even when deprived of the stated ministrations of the Gospel.

20th and 21st, performed service and preached *twice* at Lincolnton, was much gratified in a private examination of children in the Catechism, baptised *three* children, confirmed *one* person, and administered the holy Communion. Arrangements are here in progress for the erection of a Church.

28th and 29th, passed in Morganton, preached *twice*, baptised three children, celebrated one marriage, and examined the children privately in the Catechism. The friends of the Church here are increasing, and are anxious for the services of a Missionary.

1st to 12th of August, I was at Flat Rock, preached *three* times in St. John's in the Wilderness,—once to a coloured congregation, services being performed by the Rector,—baptised one child in the neighborhood, heard children privately in the Catechism, confirmed *eight* persons, and administered the holy Communion.

15th, officiated at Lower Creek, performed service, preached *once*, baptised *one* adult and *four* children, and confirmed *seven* persons.

18th, performed service in the Valley of the Yadkin, preached *once*, baptised *one* adult and *six* children.

19th, performed service at Wilkesborough, preached *once*, baptised and confirmed *one* person.

24th and 25th, performed service at Leaksville, preached *twice*, baptised *one* child, and heard children privately in the Catechism. The friends of the Church here greatly desire the services of a Missionary.

28th, 29th and 30th, officiated in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, preached *four* times,—the Rector performing service,—examined the children in the Catechism, and confirmed *six* persons.

31st, in St. Mary's Chapel, Orange County, after service by Rev. Mr. Prout, preached and baptised one infant.

1st September, performed service and preached *once* in Salem Chapel, on the plantation of Judge Cameron.

3d, 4th and 5th, officiated in St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, preached *four times*,—service by Rev. Mr. Prout,—and confirmed *one person*.

7th and 8th, officiated in St. James's Church, Granville County, consecrated the Church to the service of Almighty God, preached *twice*, baptised *one* adult in that neighborhood, and confirmed *eight* persons, being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. Green and Singeltary. The prospects of this infant congregation are truly encouraging.

11th and 12th, officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsborough, preached twice, baptised *two* adults, catechised the children, confirmed *three* persons, and administered the holy Communion. The Rev. Messrs. Taylor, Singeltary, and McGuire of Virginia, were present and assisted in the services.

14th and 15th, officiated in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, preached *three times*, examined the children in the Catechism, and administered the holy Communion; being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. Singeltary, and Norwood of Virginia.

17th, performed the service, preached, and catechised the children in Louisburg.

17th November. After service by Rev. Mr. Johnston, preached in St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

24th, examined the children in the Catechism, at Lake Scuppernong, and addressed the colored congregation.

1st and 2d December, officiated in St. Paul's Church, Edenton, consecrated the Church to the service of Almighty God, preached *twice*, and confirmed *two* persons. St. Paul's Church in this place, after the Revolution, which reduced it to bare walls, was refitted by the distinguished liberality of an individual, and restored to the purposes of public worship; but for the want of a Bishop, was not consecrated. The present congregation, with praiseworthy zeal, have expended upon it from four to five thousand dollars, in extensive repairs, rendered necessary by the lapse of many years; and secured it, by the solemnity above recorded, to the worship of God by the Church to which it originally belonged.

12th January, preached in Christ Church, Raleigh; also, 2d February, and admitted Joseph Blount Cheshire to the holy order of Deacons, being assisted in the services by the Rector of the Parish and the Rev. Professor Green.

9th, officiated in the same Church, and confirmed *three* persons.

During the months of December, January and February, I gave such instruction to a class of Candidates for holy Orders as the impaired state of my health would permit.

On the last of February, I left, by the advice of my physicians, for South Carolina and Georgia.

By rest and a mild climate, I so far recovered my health as to be able, on the 22d of March, to officiate, by request of the Standing Committee of Georgia, in Christ Church, Savannah, consecrating that Church to the

worship of Almighty God, preaching on the occasion, and in the evening, confirming *twenty* persons. I was not a little gratified in having the presence and assistance of my Rt. Rev. brother, the indefatigable Bishop of Illinois, who, in his apostolic labours for the destitute West, is making, I am most happy to say, a successful appeal to the Southern Churches in behalf of JUBILEE COLLEGE. Here also I had the pleasure of meeting a number of Clergy from Georgia and South Carolina, with whom I took sweet counsel, and from whom I parted with feelings of the sincerest respect and affection; convinced that a little more intercourse and conciliation among those who nominally differ in the Church, would go far to the removing of every bar to our being 'of one heart and one mind.'

The newly consecrated Church in this City is a fine specimen of the Ionic order of architecture; well adapted to the purposes for which it was erected, adorning the beautiful town in which it is situated, and doing credit to the liberality of a congregation every way distinguished for its zeal in the cause of the Church of Christ.

While in this city, the Rev. John Fielding, a Clergyman of high standing in the Roman Obedience, made application to me for admission into the Ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and presenting testimonials according to the Canon providing for such cases, was admitted to the required probation.

28th, 29th and 30th, officiated in St. James's Church, Wilmington, consecrated the Church to the service of God, preached on the occasion, admitted Edwin Geer to the holy order of Deacons, confirmed *fifteen* persons, and examined the children in the Catechism; being assisted in the services by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Mr. Spear of South Carolina, and the Rev. Mr. Geer. Most sincerely do I congratulate the Rector and congregation on the happy result of their labours to provide for themselves and their posterity a new 'house of prayer,' more worthy of the divine Being whom they serve. St. James's is a plain Gothic structure of brick, and for appropriateness of style, beauty of proportion, and elegance of finish, is unsurpassed by any Church edifice in our country, and may be safely commended as a model of Church architecture. May the congregation of St. James's long have reason to rejoice in this outward demonstration of their liberality, as a true index of their 'growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.'

4th, 5th and 6th April, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Geer, I visited the Parish of Calvary Church, Wadesborough, preached *once*, confirmed *four* persons, administered the holy Communion, and examined the children in the Catechism. The Rev. Mr. Geer assisted me in the services, and, owing to my feeble health, preached three times.

On my arrival in this Parish, I was much grieved to find the rumours relative to the declining health of the Rector, our Rev. brother Wiley, too well justified. I found him sinking rapidly to the grave, under circumstances calculated to awaken the keenest anxiety for a large and helpless family, soon to be bereaved of their chief earthly guide and support; but I found him 'steadfast in faith and joyful through hope,' resting, with unshaken confidence, upon the promised help and mercy of God through Christ. A recent letter from this beloved brother, written with a failing

hand, has in it the following passage: "It would give me unsighed pleasure to meet my brethren once more, but as this may not be, I trust they will remember me in their prayers, and that we may all be found of the 'faithful unto death,' and receive the 'crown of life.'"

8th and three following days, spent in the Parish of St. John's, Fayetteville; preached *once*, confirmed *eighteen* persons, and addressed the coloured congregation. Examination in the Catechism was omitted from the state of my health. I was much gratified to learn, however, that a large number of poor children and adults, brought together by means of the Factories, are in a course of successful training in the Church Catechism.

On the 15th, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Freeman, I started for Newbern, where I spent, in the Parish of Christ Church, the 17th and five following days, confirmed 12 persons, administered the holy Communion, examined the children in the Catechism, and instituted the Rev. Cameron F. McRae into the Rectorship of the Parish. The Rev. Dr. Freeman, the Rev. Mr. Hawks, and the Rector, assisted in the services. The Rev. Dr. Freeman also preached on each of these occasions except the last, when the sermon was by the Rector of the Parish.

23d, and the five following days, in company with Rev. Dr. Freeman, visited St. Peter's, Washington. Additional interest was imparted to the services here by the presence of the Rev. Dr. Mason, the President of Newark College. (Del.) an institution well deserving the patronage of Episcopalians. In St. Peter's Church, I confirmed *five* persons, and examined the children in the Catechism. The sermons on the several occasions of public worship, were by the Rev. Drs. Freeman and Mason, with a short address by myself.

On Sunday, 3d May, I officiated in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, preached *once*, confirmed *three* persons, and examined the children in the Catechism. It is a circumstance reflecting credit upon the Rector, that there is here a flourishing coloured congregation.

I regret that the state of my health has compelled me to postpone, till after the Convention, a part of my usual Spring visitation, a circumstance that has affected in some degree the list of persons confirmed.

From the statement I have made, it will be seen, that during the past year I have baptised 19 infants and 7 adults in places where there are no Clergymen, confirmed 135 persons, consecrated 4 Churches, and ordained one Priest and three Deacons. In addition, it has been an object with me, during the year, to visit every Communicant, and to catechise every baptised child of suitable age in the Diocese, where we have no Clergyman or established congregation. This object I have nearly completed. The number of such Communicants, not embraced in the Parochial or Missionary Reports, is 61.

The present candidates for Orders, belonging to the Diocese, are John Backhouse, Jacob B. Morse, Jarvis Buxton, Wm. B. Otis, Charles Bruce Walker and C. W. Everest. Four other candidates are residing in the Diocese, and would be transferred had we the means of giving them competent Theological instruction. Two other persons have signified to me their intention of applying to be received as candidates. It is, therefore,

manifest, that could we find means to carry out the views of our last Convention in regard to a Theological Seminary, we should immediately have a large class of Theological students. And surely the necessities of the Diocese,—to be supplied only from this source,—necessities demanding, at this moment, double the number of our present Clergy,—are sufficiently pressing to move us to an effort in this behalf.

The following changes have taken place in our Clergy during the past year:—The Rev. Moses A. Curtis has removed from Raleigh to the small Parishes in the County of Beaufort; the Rev. Wm. Thurston has removed from the Parishes in Granville County to St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough; the Rev. John Toland has left the Diocese, but without a letter of dismission; the Rev. Philip B. Wiley has been compelled by ill health to relinquish the charge of Calvary Church, Wadesborough, and has, I learn, removed to Pittsborough; the Rev. John Morgan has not yet returned from abroad; the proceedings in reference to the Rev. John M. Robinson have been suspended, by request of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Polk, who has kindly offered his services for an adjustment of the difficulty; the Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire is officiating as Missionary at Halifax, Halifax County, and Windsor, Bertie County; the Rev. Edwin Geer has accepted a call to Calvary Church, Wadesborough, and designs entering upon his duties the first of next month; the Rev. Mr. Sunderland has removed by letter to the Diocese of New York.

My brethren, the object which now seems to demand, for the prosperity of the Diocese, our first attention, is the supply of an adequate Clergy. The paramount claim of this object will hardly be questioned, but to effect it is a matter involving more doubt, and requiring a degree of consideration which cannot be given to it in this address. I propose, however, to submit a few thoughts upon it before we part, in connexion with a Report, which, as Chairman of a Special Committee appointed by our last Convention, it is my duty to make to this body.

In conclusion, let me exhort you to proceed to the businss of the Convention in that spirit of love which has always characterized our deliberations, relying upon his grace from whom ‘all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed.’

BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION:

In the present position of our affairs, I feel a peculiar solicitude on the subject of making some better provision for Theological Education in the Diocese. The last Convention resolved to take measures for the accomplishment of this object; but failed from a mistaken reliance upon another source than the means with which God has blessed ourselves. From this failure, and the probable diversion of the buildings of the Episcopal School to another use, I fear, the effort to increase, in proportion to our increasing wants, the number of our clergy, may be considered as given up. The prevalence of such a notion I should greatly deprecate; and to do what lies in my power to prevent it, I avail myself of this occasion to submit a few considerations, as an appendix to my Address.

That the want of the ministrations of the Gospel in our Diocese, for

the last ten years, has increased far more rapidly than the number of our Clergy, is a fact well known to you all. And that this deficiency can be adequately met, only by training young men for the ministry, among ourselves, is a truth no less manifest. The question is, what shall be done in the case? How are young men, in sufficient numbers, to be *found*, and then, trained to serve at the altar of God?

First, What shall be done to ensure a sufficient and permanent supply of young men rightly disposed to the holy ministry? In the answer to this question, I do not hesitate to affirm, the whole subject of *Christian* or *Baptismal Education* is involved. To ensure to the Church, the needed number of Candidates for the ministry, there must be a revival, in each Episcopal family, of the *ancient*, the *gospel discipline*, of baptised children. Until this be effected, the God of the covenant will leave his people in scarceness. But to effect it, you, my brethren of the Clergy, must summon your best energies to the cause. The Parochial Clergy alone can root out the fatal errors, now prevailing in the congregations, and give them the true light on this awful subject—of bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord! The Pastor of each flock alone is able to bring back the wandering sheep, and feed the lambs with the food from heaven. But each Pastor, by the help of God, may do it; and he will be made to answer for his failure to do it. I call upon you, then, dear brethren; I charge you in the name of Christ, to renew your efforts in this behalf; to enforce with all zeal and authority, the parental and sponsorial obligations; to teach parents that their children have a *right* to their agency in bringing them into the profession of the blessings of the covenant of redemption by Christ; that these children, the moment they are baptised, are *members of the Church* of the living God—members in the fullest sense—members equally with themselves. That these children, the moment they come to a knowledge and understanding of their duty, are as much bound by the obligations of the Christian covenant, as the most advanced disciple of Christ. Teach them that the promise of the holy spirit is as full, as free, and as certain, to efforts for the renewal and sanctification of their children, as of themselves. Show them their obligation to make these efforts—and to make them in conformity with the teaching of the Church;—how, instead of wandering after new modes of instruction, or setting up a standard of their own, they are bound to follow the Catechism and Liturgy, to be thankful to Almighty God, that, in his wise providence, they are blest with such sure and effectual guides. Point out and enforce their duty to give *personal* attention to these things;—Not to be content themselves with passing their children over to a Sunday School, however good and necessary in its place—but to instruct them with their own lips—warm and mould their young hearts by their own prayers and affectionate counsels. Place before them the nature, the *reality* of the baptismal vow; and its solemn relation to the whole training and meetness of their children for duty here and for happiness in heaven. Do this, my dear brethren, faithfully and perseveringly—watching with prayerful solicitude those early developments of heart and mind which point to the sacred office; and we cannot doubt, that God, who giveth the increase, will by his spirit so incline the

hearts of our youth, as that we shall never want candidates ready to serve at his altar.

In aid of your efforts to restore the primitive discipline, I would recommend to your careful perusal, and general circulation among your people, the JOURNAL OF EDUCATION, published by the Episcopal Sunday School Union, from their Press in New York. This periodical, edited by two of our most practical Clergy, is in all respects worthy of the Church—setting forth in a distinct and forcible manner, the great outlines of ministerial and parental duty in regard to the *baptismal education* of baptised children; and scrupulously avoiding all mere speculative questions calculated to distract the mind and lead it off from the great *point of duty* to be attained.

While such efforts will doubtless ensure, in the end, a sufficient number of candidates for the ministry, the establishment of some increased means of Theological instruction, will of itself tend to a supply of our present necessities in the case. The existence of such means will not only fix the resolutions of many of our pious young men to enter the ministry, who now hesitate perhaps from want of pecuniary ability to make the required preparation; but it will also secure to our Diocese some of the most valuable candidates from our Northern States, who are compelled to leave, to escape the rigours of, a Northern climate.

But the second question arises, How are these increased means of Theological education to be provided?

In the Episcopal School buildings for the last two years, accommodations and support have been furnished, for the Theological training of the only persons, who, in that time, have been or are likely to be raised to the Deaconship. Here they were provided with rooms, board, use of books, and suitable aid and direction in study; and here they were enabled to maintain themselves by uniting in the instruction of a small school, in the management of which they gave full satisfaction. These means of aid to others, in the absence of a better system of Theological instruction, I pray may be continued; but of these means your Bishop is to be wholly deprived, if, in the disposal of the Episcopal School property, no other provision is made. It is to this fact, mainly, that I would now direct the attention of the Convention. You may say, perhaps, that this would be a small provision for our Candidates—but it would be something—it would put into the hands of your Bishop some means of supplying the ministry, till the Diocese could provide greater. Besides, he has a right to speak and to be heard in this matter. The destitute congregations look to him for aid, and charge their failure to receive it to his account. The responsibility, therefore, which is made to rest upon him, as well as the position he occupies, should secure a proper deference to his judgment in the case. From the first year of his connexion with the Diocese, he has felt the indispensable necessity of more regard to this subject. From that period to the present, he has raised his voice and directed his efforts in its behalf. And this, by God's help, he will continue to do, till the object is effected. Or if he should not live to see his wishes, in this respect, realized—his last prayer to you, his last prayer to God for you, as a Diocese, will be, that by your more zealous and vigorous exertions in

this direction, the destitute within your borders may be supplied with the bread of life.

L. SILLIMAN IVES.

The following Parochial Reports were presented, read, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. George W. Freeman, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults	3
Infants, 11 white, 1 coloured,	12
	<u>— 15</u>
Confirmations,	7
Communicants—Died 5, removed 7, added 6,	
Present number,	75
Marriages.	2
Burials—Adults, 6 whites, 1 coloured,	7
Infants, 1 white, 2 coloured,	3
	<u>— 10</u>
Families,	58
Adults,	161
Sunday School—No. Scholars,	60
No. Teachers,	12
Moneys received:	
For Diocesan Missions—sale of 2 copies of Ra-	
venscroft's Works,	\$9 00
For ditto—sale of Bibles and Prayer Books,	7 20
	<u>— \$16 20</u>
For ditto—offerings of the congregation,	112 00
For Bishop's salary and contingent expenses,	195 00
	<u>— \$323 20</u>

GEO. W. FREEMAN.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr. Rector.

Baptisms—Adult 1, Infant 9,	10
Confirmations,	7
Communicants—Removed 1, added 5,	
Present number,	25
Burials,	2
Sunday School—Teachers,	4
Scholars,	28
Money collected for Episcopate and Contingent Fund,	\$40
The Church in Salisbury, though still feeble, is, we trust, beginning to	

arise. Her members have somewhat increased, and her foundations, we hope, deepened. The Ladies have had a Fair within the past year, from which there was realized about \$240.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr. Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white,	8
Confirmations—4 white, 2 coloured,	6
Communicants—Dead 2, removed 2 coloured, added 3 white, 2 coloured—5. Present number	100
Burials,	2
Sunday School.	18

Money collected, for Episcopate and Contingent Fund, \$40

There was an error as to the number of communicants belonging to this Church, reported to the last Convention. The number reported was 91. The actual number was 99. The coloured communicants were omitted through inadvertence. The present number is, as above stated, 100, of whom about 20 will soon withdraw from Christ Church, and unite themselves to the communion of St. Andrew's Church, which has been just established. The Sunday School, here, is not properly a Sunday School. We cannot obtain regular Teachers. But the catechetical instruction of these children, by their parents, must be better than the ordinary Sunday School instruction—for they are better acquainted with the catechism. Upon the whole, Christ Church may be reported as advancing.

MILLS'S SETTLEMENT.

There has been no material change here. The state of things is hardly as favorable as it was last year. The few friends of the Church, here, speak of erecting a small building for divine worship, but have scarcely enough encouragement to do so.

Communicants,	17
Baptisms—Infant,	6

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

This Parish has just been organized. Its Delegates have been received into this Convention. A plain country Church, is almost completed, —sufficiently so to be used for worship. I preached there on last Sunday to a very large congregation. There will be connected with this Church, immediately, between 18 and 30 families. The precise number cannot now be stated. So far, every thing here holds out a good hope to the Church. May it be realized—and the institution of the Gospel in the Church be sustained and advanced to the glory of God and the welfare of his people.

'THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr.

ST. JAMES'S PARISH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. Robert B. Drane, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 7, infants 31,	38
Confirmed,	12
Communicants—Added 17, died or removed 5,	
Present number,	184
Marriages,	9
Funerals,	15
Money collected—For Assessment,	\$225 00
For Missions in the Diocese,	75 00
	————— 300 00
For Parochial Charities,	296 55
	ROBERT B. DRANE.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. Cameron F. McRae, Rector.

Baptismis—Adult 2, infants 6,	8
Confirmations—11 whites, 1 coloured,	12
Communicants—Decrease by death 3, added 15,	
Present number,	114
Sunday School—No. Scholars, about	100
Female Teachers 12, Male do. 5, 17	
Money collected—For Assessment,	\$210 00
For Missionary purposes,	60 00
For Parochial Charities,	143 00
	CAMERON F. McRAE.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, Rector.

Baptism\$—Adult 6, infant 41,	47
Confirmations,	18
Communicants—Decrease, by death 3, by discipline 1,	4
Increase, (3 of them by transfer,) 11	
Present number, as corrected, white 114	
colored 20	
	————— 134
Marriages—White 1, coloured 3,	4
Burials,	4
Moneys collected—For Assessment,	\$210
For Missionary Committee, 100	

This Conventional year, though in many respects a pleasant year to this congregation, has not been without its depressing occurrences. These latter, we trust, have brought us all in unfeigned humiliation before

God. The Sunday School is most advantageously conducted. It embraces and cultures more than one hundred children of the poor, and encourages the best assiduities of its devoted Superintendent and Teachers. The baptism of some thirty children of this class is included in the Report. The demands of this School during the year, for books and clothing, have exceeded the sum of two hundred dollars. The coloured people continue to manifest the liveliest interest in the visitations of the Bishop, and in the special services he affords them. On these occasions, and for their accommodation, all the pews are relinquished by their proprietors. During the year, the Vestry have generously appropriated six hundred dollars towards the general improvement of the Rectory.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Rector.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. John Singeltary, Rector.

Communicants—White,	males 13, females 51,	64
Coloured,	males 2, females 2,	4
		— 68
Baptisms—Adults 3,	infants 6, coloured infants 9,	18
Mariages,		3
Burials,		4
Confirmations,		4
Moneys paid—Copy of Ravenscroft's works,		\$5
For Missionary Fund,		49 50
For Assessment,		60

J. SINGELTARY, *Rector.*

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. H. Stanly, Rector.

Baptisms,	3
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—Added 4, decrease by death 1, removal 3,	3
Former number 31; present number,	31
Marriages,	5
Burials,	4
Sunday School Scholars,	80

H. STANLY.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

Rev. William Thurston, Rector.

The Rev. William Thurston entered upon the duties of Rector of this Church on the third Sunday in July last. We trust the zealous efforts of our Pastor to promote the glory of God and the salvation of immortal

souls, will be crowned with success. He is at present absent on a visit to his aged and afflicted parents, which will account for his non-attendance at Convention.

Baptisms—Infants, 3 white, 7 coloured,	10
Funerals—2 white, 1 coloured,	3
Communicants—Added 2, present number,	29
Families,	16
Sunday School—Scholars,	30
Teachers,	5
Assessment,	\$50

HENRY A. LONDON, *Warden.*

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. Philip B. Wiley, late Rector.

Baptism—white adult,	1
Confirmations,	4
Communicants—2 removed, present number,	32
Burials,	3
Marriage,	1
Sunday School—Scholars,	39
Teachers,	4

P. B. WILEY, *late Rector.*

ANNUAL REPORT of Rev. Wm. M. Green, Professor of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres in the University of North Carolina.

I have preached at this place on every alternate Sunday since the last Convention. The other Sundays have for the most part been spent in the neighboring Parishes. On Easter Sunday, I administered the Lord's Supper in the College Chapel to twenty-three persons, ten of whom were members of our Communion. It is greatly desired by the friends and members of the Church in this place, that they should have a Church building of their own, and that full Parochial ministrations may be extended to them.

Since the commencement of the year, I have regularly preached once a month at Salem Chapel, to orderly and attentive congregations, composed chiefly of coloured persons.

W. M. GREEN.

Chapel Hill, May 1840.

REPORT of Rev. Wm. N. Hawks, Rector of the Griffin School, and officiating at St. Thomas and St. Paul's Chapels, Craven County.

Baptisms—Adults 7, infants 10,	17
Burials—Adults 2, children 5,	7
Marriages,	6

WM. N. HAWKS.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, GRANVILLE.

Rev. Lewis Taylor, Rector.

Communicants—Removed 1, died 2,

Present number, white 11, coloured 1, 12

Baptisms—Adults 9, infants 9, coloured 19, 37

Marriages—1 white, 1 coloured, 2

Funeral, 1

LEWIS TAYLOR.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS.

Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Rector.

Number of Families, 16

Communicants, 22

Baptisms—1 white, 2 coloured, 3

Confirmations, 8

Funeral, 1

T. S. W. MOTT.

MISSIONARY STATIONS, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Baptisms—Adults, white 1, colored 4, 5

Infants, white 17, colored none, 17

— 22

Candidates for Confirmation, 10

Marriage, 1

Funerals, 3

Communicants—White, died 1, present number, 40

Black, died 1, added 1, present no., 26

— 66

Collected for Assessment, \$30

I have distributed 50 Prayer Books, 25 Bibles and Testaments, and several thousand pages of Tracts.

E. M. FORBES, *Missionary.**REPORT of Rev. M. Ashley Curtis, Missionary in Beaufort County*

I arrived in the County on the 12th of March, and have preached at Trinity Chapel and St. Thomas's twice, and at Zion's and St. John's once.

In the deficiency of registers, I have been unable to ascertain precisely the number of Communicants in these Parishes. As near as I can ascertain, there are about sixty in the four.

Baptisms—Trinity Parish, 2

St. John's, 1

St. Thomas's, 9

— 12

M. ASHLEY CURTIS.

MISSIONARY STATION, HALIFAX.

Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, Missionary.

I came to this place on the 21st of February last, since which time I have officiated regularly for one and a half months. The present prospect of the advancement of the Church in this place is promising, there being 8 or 10 candidates for Confirmation,—and the interest manifested in the service and doctrine of the Church, by persons of other denominations, leads to the anticipation of a still more favorable result. As a proof of this interest, there are efforts now making to erect a Church building; a lot has been procured, and four or five hundred dollars subscribed already, and it is hoped that in a short time a sum sufficient will be obtained for this purpose. I have distributed 30 Prayer Books and several hundred pages of Tracts, and there is an increasing demand for them. Baptism, 1 infant.

MISSIONARY STATION, WINDSOR.

I have officiated in this place about one month. There is a Church building here, partly completed, so as to afford a place for preaching, though, from the want of means, it still stands in an unfinished state.

There is sufficient interest manifested in the Church to warrant the expectation of a considerable increase, after a few months of regular ministrations. Candidates for Confirmation, 2; Prayer Books distributed, 8; —besides Tracts.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Missionary.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. Henry H. Prout, Rector.

Baptisms—White, infants	10
Coloured, 1 adult, 1 infant,	2
	— 12
Confirmations,	7
Marriages,	6
Burials,	8
Communicants—Added 7, present number,	57
Assessment paid,	\$60 00
Collected for Missions,	11 50
Collected by the Ladies' Benevolent Society, for the purposes of the congregation, about	150 00

Respecting St. Mary's Chapel, I have nothing to report, but that services have been held there once a month, with encouraging prospects.

H. H. PROUT.

The Rev. Dr. Freeman presented the following Report of acts of the Standing Committee for the past year:

REPORT of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina, May 1840.

The acts of the Standing Committee, since the last Convention, have been the recommending of Joseph B. Cheshire, Edwin Geer, and John A. Backhouse, for Deacon's Orders,—and the giving of their consent to the consecration of the Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, as Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina.

W. M. GREEN, *Pres't.*

May, 1840.

Recess for Morning Service.

Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Prout; Sermon, by the Rev. Mr. Forbes—text, 1st Cor. 15th ch., 21st and 22d verses.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was submitted, read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

John B. Lord was appointed Assistant Treasurer *pro tem.*

The Rev. Mr. Buxton, Mr. Richard Hines, T. P. Devereux, and Dr. James Norcom, were elected Trustees of the Episcopal School, to fill the class whose term expires at this Convention.

The Rev. J. B. Buxton, the Rev. Dr. Freeman, Messrs. J. W. Wright, C. T. Haigh, and E. L. Winslow, were duly elected Missionary Committee for the ensuing Conventional year.

Convention adjourned to Friday morning 9 o'clock.

Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Forbes; Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. McRae—text, Eccles. 5th ch. part of 4th verse.



FRIDAY, MAY 15.

Prayer read by the Bishop.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Buxton, Secretary and Agent of the Missionary Committee, read the following Report, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

REPORT of the Missionary Committee.

The Missionary Committee respectfully report to the Convention:

That, under the present excellent and Scriptural form of our Missionary organization, the execution of the trust confided them is so interwoven with the discharge of duty in other departments of the Church, that beside a summary view of their proceedings, they find but little to say, the detail of which has not been anticipated in the Bishop's Address, and in the Parochial and Treasurer's Reports.

The range of Missionary labor within the Diocese, is substantially the same as that reported the last year. The Missionaries, though not the

same in person with those before reported, are about the same in number. The Rev. Mr. Wiley has resigned his station from declining health. He will carry with him into retirement and to the grave, the best sympathies and affections of the Church, and, we trust, the best comforts of the Holy Ghost, to whose ministration of the Gospel, his talents, his substance, and his life have been devoted.

All demands for Bibles, Prayer Books and Tracts, have been liberally met at the Depository.

The funds under the control of the Committee, including the reported surplus in the Treasury at the commencement of the year of \$276, amount to \$1352 09. The disbursements amount to \$560, which, with existing liabilities to the amount of \$250, and redeemable at this Convention, will leave a balance available for the next year of \$542 09.

The Committee perceive a laudable effort, on the part of the smaller congregations, to increase the salaries of their Ministers, and proportionably to relieve this department from its co-operation in their support. In one instance, at least, the necessity for aid from this quarter has been entirely superceded.

In conclusion, the Committee deem it not beyond their province to notice a popular error, than which but few are more common, or more likely when admitted, to discourage the labors of the faithful Missionary. They mean the principle asserted and advocated by some—that the conversion of men from sin to holiness is the only legitimate idea we can entertain of Missionary success. Your Committee judge otherwise, and they claim for their judgment both reason and scripture. Such conversion is indeed a blessing to its subject, and devoutly to be aimed for by the Minister of Christ. But as far as the Missionary himself is concerned, such conversion by no means embodies the Scriptural idea of *success*. This latter, your Committee conceive, implies,—1st. Authority in his commission: 2dly. The spirit of love and of a sound mind: And lastly, The full proof of his ministry. Whatever the issue of his labor may be, such a Missionary must and will prove *successful*. The Word of God, he so faithfully dispenses, cannot return void. It will accomplish, in either issue, the divine intention. It will vindicate either the divine promise in them that are saved, or the divine sentence in them that perish.

As to the question of “*place*,” within the great field of Missionary responsibility, your Committee conceive, that this must necessarily pertain to the Episcopal office. With this office must reside,—where it was lodged by the Great Head of the Church,—the original “*power of Mission*,” delegated to himself. The exercise of this power by our Bishop, within his appropriate sphere, must of necessity involve discretion with respect to place. Under the sanction and appointment of this office, the Missionary, if rightly affected, can find no place either for idleness in his hands, or for despondence in his heart. Whether men hear the word from his mouth, or whether they forbear;—whether they receive it as the word of men, or as it is in truth the word of God;—whether they repent under its attending energies, and be converted, or retain their sins,—in either issue, the Missionary will be unto God a sweet savour of Christ, and therefore “*successful*.” To the one, he will be the savour of death unto death

and to other the savour of life unto life. For he is not as many which corrupt the word of God, but as of sincerity; but as of God—in the sight of God—speaketh he in Christ.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JARVIS B. BUXTON, *Secretary and Agent.*

The Bishop, as President of the Board of Trustees of Episcopal School, and as Chairman of the Committee to confer with the Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina, made the following Report:

REPORT of the Trustees of the Episcopal School.

The Trustees of the Episcopal School beg leave to report—

That the condition of that Institution remains, in all respects, substantially the same as it was at the last Convention of this Diocese.

The sale of part of the land, as directed by the Convention, was attempted, but without success. An agent was appointed by the Board of Trustees, who took the proper steps to effect the sale; but no purchasers appeared. The only property disposed of, was the bell and the furniture of the School, amounting, together with rent and collected subscriptions, to the sum of 500 dollars;—438 dollars of which was applied to cancel the bank debt, and pay small bills to the amount of seventy dollars, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of about fifty dollars.

The agents appointed to establish, in the buildings of the Episcopal School, a Theological Seminary, by means of a union, for this purpose, with the Diocese of South Carolina, did not appear before the Convention of that Diocese, owing to its unsettled state, from the death of its Bishop. Information, however, was received by letter, which leaves little ground to hope, that under any circumstances, the Diocese of South Carolina could be induced to come into the measure.

All which is respectfully submitted.

L. S. IVES, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Messrs. Singeltary, Freeman and Buxton, and Messrs. Chambers and Troy, were appointed a Committee on the state of the Episcopal School;—to this Committee was referred the part of the Treasurer's Report which relates to the debt due from the School to the Episcopate fund.

Recess for Morning Service.

Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Cheshire: Sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Prout,—text, Col., 3d ch., 3d v.

Convention adjourned to Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

Evening Prayer read by Rev. Dr. Freeman: Sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Singeltary,—text, Hebrews, 2d ch., 15th v.

SATURDAY, MAY 16.

Prayer read by the Bishop. Minutes read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Mott appeared and took his seat.

A. Henderson, a Delegate from St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, appeared and took his seat.

A certificate of the election of Lay Delegates from St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, was presented: W. H. Hardin, J. H. Haughton, S. Jackson and H. London were elected. Mr. Hardin appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, made the following Report, which was accepted, viz:—

REPORT of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee feel constrained to express their regret that so few Lay Delegates are in attendance upon this Convention. The whole of the Eastern part of the State is entirely unrepresented, except by a few Clergymen; there being not one Lay Delegate present, East or South of Raleigh. It is hoped that this is the effect of sufficient reasons, rather than of a want of interest and zeal in the welfare of the Church.

The Committee have carefully examined into the State of the Church, as far as they have been enabled to do so from the documents referred to them, and other sources within their reach. This is the result. 10 Parishes are not reported to this Convention. Those which have been reported exhibit the following Statistics: Communicants—Aggregate number 913. Increase since last year 132. This is the increase for the past year as far as reported. Suppose the Parishes unreported to remain as they were last year, and the whole number of Communicants in the Diocese is 1265. There is no doubt that there has been an increase in the unreported Parishes. Confirmations 135. Increase 6. And there are about 40 to be confirmed in the Parishes and Missionary Stations as yet unvisited by the Bishop for this year. Baptisms, as far as reported, 229. Increase 4. One new Parish has been received into the Diocese. 3 Churches have been consecrated. 3 are now building, and will be ready for consecration in the course of the ensuing year. There are 5 Candidates for orders, besides the one to be ordained at this Convention. One Clergyman has removed from the Diocese. Another (with whom we all deeply sympathise) has been compelled, from ill health, to relinquish his charge. One has been ordained Priest, 2 Deacons,—another will be ordained at this Convention; which will make an increase in the number of Clergy of one. In many parts of the Diocese the fields are whitening to the harvest. The cry is coming up to us daily, "come and help us." Let us thank God for these anxious requests for the ministrations of the Church, and earnestly pray to him to send labourers into his harvest. Finally—throughout the Church generally, and in this Convention especially, we are greeted with the cheering spectacle of unity of faith, harmony of love, the spirit of zeal and of a sound mind.

Your Committee rejoice at these appearances of good. Their rejoicing

results from the humble hope, that these are the fruits of the Spirit—the manifestations of the Divine presence and blessing—the testimony of God to his people. The ground of this hope is the testimony of a good conscience, that in simplicity and Godly sincerity the Church has had her conversation in the world—fighting the good fight—keeping the faith—finishing her course. Not captivated by the specious but seducing influences of the day, she has remembered *always*, that to her the only object of Divine faith is her adorable Redeemer and Head;—her only law, a simple and entire submission to his will, and acquiescence in his appointments. She has ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus Christ.

From the same ground there springs up the animating spirit of a lively faith. Your Committee trust and believe that the time to favour Zion, yea, the set time, is coming;—that she is shaking herself from the dust—is arising in the strength of her Apostolic authority and spirit—is destined to put forth a mighty energy, and, through God, to become effectual to the pulling down of the strong holds of sin.

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr., *Chairman.*

The Rev. Dr. Freeman, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following Report, which was read, and the rate of Assessments therein recommended was adopted:

REPORT of the Committee of Finance.

The Committee to whom were referred the several accounts of the Treasurer, report, that they have examined them, with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

Of the Missionary Fund, they find there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$792 09, the greater part of which, it is ascertained, is applicable to the Missionary operations of the ensuing year.

The Fund for the Episcopate, consisting of cash securities amounting to \$320, eleven shares of Stock of the Bank of Cape Fear, cost \$998, and loan to the Episcopal School, of \$7400, secured by lien on the lands and buildings, amounts to \$8718.

In the general funds of the Diocese, from which the annual expenses, including the Bishop's salary, are to be defrayed, it appears there is a present deficiency of \$608; which, added to the sum of \$571 77, due the Bishop on the first day of June, will make \$1,179 77. This deficiency has been caused, mainly, by the failure of the Trustees of the Episcopal School to pay the interest on the loan made to them from the fund, for the Episcopate—no such payment having been made since the 10th of February, 1838, and the interest unpaid, amounting on the first day of June, to \$1,058 67. To meet this deficiency, to provide for the due payment of the Bishop's salary, and the other charges of Diocese, amounting to about \$1900 per annum, in future, your Committee acknowledge themselves unable to devise the means, except by an increase of the assessment upon the several congregations, or the repayment of the money loaned to the Episcopal School. The former, they are unwilling to recommend, believing that the congregations are already taxed to the ex-

tent of at least their willingness to pay; and that any considerable addition to the assessment would but increase the difficulty of collection, and render the result more uncertain. The repayment, therefore, of the loan above mentioned, with the accruing interest, they regard as affording the only practicable means of meeting the present exigencies of the Church; and, as the term for which the said loan was made, has expired, and no provision has been made by the Trustees for the payment of the interest, they recommend that the Convention take immediate steps to obtain such repayment, by directing, if need be, a sale of the property of the Episcopal School.

Your Committee also recommend the adoption of the following scale of assessments on the several congregations of the Diocese, for the ensuing year, being nearly the same as that for the year just past. And as the deficiency before mentioned has been occasioned, *in part*, as may be gathered from the foregoing statement, by irregularity in the payment of those assessments, they would beg leave to call the attention of the vestries of the several congregations to the necessity of having them, hereafter, punctually forwarded to the Convention.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

John W. Wright was unanimously elected Treasurer.

The Rev. Mr. Mott offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That, in the view of this Convention, it is expedient to create a fund for the relief of such necessitous Clergymen as may have become disabled in the Diocese of North Carolina; and also for the relief of the widows and children of such Clergymen as, dying in the Diocese, may have left their families in necessitous circumstances.

Recess for Morning Service.

Prayer was read by Rev. J. B. Cheshire: Sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Buxton,—text, Acts of the Apostles, 24th ch., 16th verse.

The Resolution of the Rev. Mr. Mott was referred to a special Committee of five persons, to take the subject of said resolution into consideration, and report to next Convention. The President appointed for said Committee, the following persons: The Rev. Messrs. Mott, Buxton and Forbes; Messrs. D. Cameron and Josiah Collins.

The Rev. Wm. M. Green, J. B. Buxton and Doctor Freeman, of the Clergy; Messrs. Chas. Manly and E. B. Freeman, of the Laity, were duly elected the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Messrs. Davis and Mott, rendered excuses for their absence from the last Convention, which were accepted as satisfactory to this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Singeltary, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Episcopal School, made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions therein recommended, were adopted:—

REPORT of the Committee upon the State of the Episcopal School.

The Committee upon the State of the Episcopal School, beg leave to report, that upon examination of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention, and other documents, they are compelled to come to the painful conclusion, that the pecuniary affairs of the School are desperate. The property of the School is encumbered with debts amounting to \$14000; even the interest upon said debts is in arrears for several years; thus leaving the Church without funds to pay the Bishop's salary, and also compelled to withhold from her creditors their just dues, some of whom, it is well known to your Committee, cannot conveniently suffer the delay. The Committee know no practicable way in which said debts can be paid, except by sale of the property of the School.* They therefore recommend, for the adoption of the Convention, the following Resolutions:

Resolved., That the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal School be directed to appoint an Agent to make sale of the real estate of the Episcopal School.

Resolved., That said Agent be empowered to sell said property in parcels, or entire, as he may judge most conducive to the true interests of the Church, provided a sale can be made upon such terms as said Agent may judge it expedient to accept; and that he appropriate the proceeds of the sale, so far as may be necessary, to the discharge of the claims of the creditors. And further, that he be empowered to require the persons having the legal estate in the said property, and equitable liens theron, severally to convey and surrender the same to such person or persons as he shall designate.

Resolved,, That the Bishop be requested to convene the Board of Trustees as soon as practicable, and lay before them these resolutions.

The following Resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. Freeman, and unanimously adopted, viz:—

Resolved,, That the members of this Convention have heard, with great concern, of the death of the Rev. Joseph Hubbard Saunders, Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola, late of this Diocese; that they retain a lively remembrance of his worth and of his valuable services to the Church; and that they sincerely sympathise with his bereaved widow and children in their affliction.

Resolved,, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. James's Church, Wilmington, on the first Wednesday in May next.

Convention adjourned to Monday Morning, 6 o'clock.

Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. McRae: Sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Mott,—text, Isaiah, 57th ch., part of 45th verse.

Rite of Confirmation was administered to nine persons.

* Should wealthy Churchmen in the Diocese, however, be disposed to come forward, as they have the power to do, and save the Episcopal School property, the Convention, so far from desiring to interpose any obstacle in the way, "would thank God and take courage."

Sunday Morning, Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Buxton, and an Ordination Sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Freeman,—text, 1st Thessalonians, 1st chapter, 25th verse.

John A. Backhouse was ordained Deacon.

Communion was administered to 87 persons.

Afternoon, Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Singeltary: Sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Backhouse,—text, St. Matthew, 5th chapter, 19th verse.

Night, Prayer was read by Rev. Mr. Backhouse: Sermon in aid of Missions, preached by Rev. Mr. Buxton,—text, Phil., 3d ch., 20th v.

Collection made amounting to \$40 20.



MONDAY MORNING, MAY 18.

Prayer was read by the Bishop.
Minutes read and approved.
Convention adjourned.

JOHN SINGELTARY, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

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REPORT of the Treasurer.

FAYETTEVILLE, MAY 7, 1840.

The undersigned submits to the Convention the usual exhibits of the receipts and disbursements of funds coming into his hands as Treasurer, during the past year. The annexed account of the "Diocese of North Carolina," comprises the payments for the Bishop's salary, and contingent expences on the debtor side, and monies derived from assessments, and interest on funds invested on the creditor side. From this account, it will be seen that the payments made by the Treasurer exceed the amount received, \$608. A balance of \$571 77, will be due to the Bishop, for salary, on the 1st June next, making a deficiency in the fund provided to meet the engagements of the Convention on the 1st June, of \$1,179 77. This deficiency has arisen from the inability of the Episcopal School to pay the interest on the loan to them, (unpaid since 10th Feb., 1838,) amounting, on the 1st June, to \$1,058 67. The annual expenses to be provided for, are, for the Bishop's salary \$1800, and contingent charges averaging about \$100. The assessments, according to the scale adopted at the last Convention, cannot be calculated on for more than \$1500. This sum, with the interest on funds invested, if punctually paid, would meet the demands on the Convention. Without this last, the assessments are insufficient, and there must result an annual and increasing deficiency.

It is for this Convention to adopt such measures as they deem most expedient to provide for the present deficiency, and the future need of the Church in this particular. If by any course the interest due from the Episcopal School can now be paid, and its punctual payment assured for the future, the necessity will be met, and no further increase of assessments will be called for.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

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Diocese of North Carolina, in account

with the Treasurer of the Convention.

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1839,			
May 28	By cash from George E. Spruill, for Assessment on Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, for year ending May 1838,	\$30 00	
	By cash from ditto, ditto, for year ending May 1839,	36 00	
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Forbes, Assessment from Missionary Station, Washington County,	21 00	
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Prout, Assessment from St. Matthew's and St. Mary's, Orange,	60 00	
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Hawks, Assessment from St. Thomas's Church, Craven,	12 00	
	By cash from ditto, ditto, Assessment from St. Paul's, Swift Creek, for 1837 and 1838,	30 00	
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Freeman, Assessment from Christ Church, Raleigh,	192 00	
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Singeltary, Assessment from St. Paul's Church, Washington,	60 00	
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Thurston, Assessment from St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, (in part.)	26 00	
	By cash from ditto, ditto, Assessment from St. John's Church, Williamsborough, (in part.)	6 00	
	By cash from Rev. Mr. McKae, Assessment from Christ Church, Newbern,	210 00	
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Drane, Assessment from St. James's Church, Wilmington,	210 00	
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Singeltary, Assessment from Calvary Church, Tarborough,	24 00	
	By cash from Rev. Mr. Buxton, Assessment from St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	210 00	
	By cash from Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, Assessment from Church at Hertford,	20 00	
	By cash from Joshua Skinner, Assessment from St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	192 00	
	By cash from W. H. Hardin, Assessment from St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough,	48 00	
	By cash from J. B. Lord, Assessment from St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	36 00	
	By cash from ditto, ditto, Assessment from Christ Church, Rowan County,	36 00	
	By cash from E. Laughinghouse, Assessment from Trinity Chapel, Beaufort, for 1838 and 1839,	44 00	
	By cash from Wm. E. Troy, Assessment from Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	36 00	
July 10.	By cash from Bank of Cape Fear, dividend of 4 per cent. on 11 shares of Stock,	44 00	
1840,	Feb'y 20.	ditto,	44 00
			1630 00
	By balance carried to new account,	608 00	
			2,238 00

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

Fayetteville, May 7, 1840.

Dr.

Missionary Fund in account with

1839,			
May 25.	To cash paid Rev. E. M. Forbes, salary to 28th January, 1839,	\$100 00	
" "	To cash paid Rev. P. B. Wiley, do. 25th May, 1839,	100 00	
" "	To cash paid Rev. Lewis Taylor, special appropriation to this date,	100 00	
Aug. 15.	To cash paid Rev. Mr. Prout, salary to May, 1839,	50 00	
Oct. 30.	To cash paid Rev. P. B. Wiley, do. 25th November, 1839,	100 00	
Dec. 17.	To cash paid Rev. Mr. Thurston, on account of services at Oxford 1840, and Williamsborough,	35 00	
Jan. 13.	To cash paid Rev. Mr. Forbes, salary to 28th July, 1839,	75 00	
		560 00	
May 8.	To balance on hand,	792 09	
			1,352 09

Dr.

Fund for the Episcopate in account

1849,			
May 9.	To cash and securities on hand, viz:		
	Cash,	\$320 30	
	Eleven shares of Stock of Bank of Cape Fear, cost	998 00	
	Loan to the Episcopal School of North Carolina, secured by lien on Lands and Buildings,	7400 00	
		8,718 30	

the Treasurer of the Convention.

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1839,				
May 18.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1839,		\$676	45
" 28.	By cash from Rev. Mr. Freeman, contribution from Christ Church, Raleigh,		153	00
" "	By cash from ditto, for sales of Prayer Books,		15	00
" "	By cash from Rev. Mr. Singeltary, contribution from St. Peter's Church, Washington,		35	00
" "	By cash from Rev. Mr. Drane, contribution from St. James's Church, Wilmington,		65	00
" "	By cash from Rev. Mr. Singeltary, contribution from Calvary Church, Tarborough,		4	00
" "	By cash from Joshua Skinner, contribution from St. Paul's Church, Edenton,		100	00
" "	By cash from Rev. Mr. Freeman, for collection at Convention of 1839,		153	60
1840,	By cash from St. John's Church, Fayetteville, for contribution,		100	00
" "	By cash from E. J. Hale, for sales of Books,		12	81
" "	By cash for interest on funds in hand to this date,		37	23
			1,352	09

with the Treasurer of the Convention.

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1839,				
May 28.	By cash and securities on hand as reported to Convention of 1839,		\$8588	48
" "	By cash from Rev. Mr. Singeltary, contribution to this fund from Mrs. Foreman of Pitt county,		10	00
July 22.	By cash from Rev. G. W. Freeman, being balance of the Estate of Bishop Ravenscroft, paid over by order of E. M. Hepburn, Ex- ecutor, for this fund,		103	24
1840,	By cash for interest on cash on hand,		16	58
May 8.				8,718 30

J. W. WRIGHT, *Treasurer.*

Fayetteville, May 8, 1840.

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

St. James's Church, Wilmington,	-	-	\$210
St. John's Church, Fayetteville,	-	-	210
Christ Church, Newbern,	-	-	210
Christ Church, Raleigh,	-	-	195
St. Paul's Church, Edenton,	-	-	195
St. Matthew's and St. Mary's Churches, Orange,		-	60
St. Peter's Church, Washington,	-	-	60
Christ Church, Elizabeth City,	-	-	60
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury,	-	-	40
Christ Church, Rowan,	-	-	30
St. Andrew's Church, Rowan,	-	-	10
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton,	-	-	36
St. John's Church, Williamsborough,	-	-	36
St. Stephen's Church, Oxford,	-	-	36
Trinity Church, Scotland Neck,	-	-	36
Calvary Church, Wadesborough,	-	-	36
St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough,	-	-	50
St. John's in the Wilderness, Henderson County,		-	36
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort,	-	-	24
St. Thomas's, Bath,	-	-	24
St. Thomas's, Craven,	-	-	15
Zion Chapel, Beaufort,	-	-	12
Calvary Church, Tarborough,	-	-	25
St. Paul's Church, Swift Creek,	-	-	15
Congregation at Hertford,	-	-	20
Missionary Station, Washington County,	-	-	39
St. James's, Granville County,	-	-	10
			<hr/> \$1,715

A P R A Y E R ,

SET FORTH BY THE BISHOP, TO BE USED BY THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF
N. CAROLINA, DURING THE SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE.

When Congress and the State Legislature are both in Session.

"Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the People of these United States in general, so especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled, and for the General Assembly of this State, now in session; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy Glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These, and all other necessaries for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour." *Amen.*

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The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopalian Church, in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in St. James's Church, Wilmington, on the first Wednesday in May, 1841.

JOHN SINGELTARY, *Sec'y.*
